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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor being a quorum of the Board.

Board members not in attendance: Dean Sirucek, Supervisor. Absence is excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Sarah Bowman, Big Sky Watershed Corps and FCD; Holly McKenzie, Women In Timber; Ian McKenzie; Samantha Tappenbeck, Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM).

MINUTES

Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 310-Stream Permit meeting presented." John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete Woll made a motion "to approve the July 18, 2016 Budget meeting as presented." Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email: MWCC Watershed Symposium, October 24-26, Billings. Contact Kate Arpin, Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM), 406-596-0813.
2. Email: July 2016 Clark Fork & Kootenai Water Supply Report
3. Email: Storm Water Management Training, August 12, Great Falls. Contact Galen Steffens 406-455-8429.
4. Email: SWCDM Fall 2016 Mini Grant application deadline is August 31. Contact Jessica Makus jessica@macdnet.org.
5. Email: DNRC has display boards CD use. Contact Dave Martin, dmartin@mt.gov.
6. Email: DNRC is looking for CD's to host the following:
 - 2017 Montana Range Tour
 - 2018 Winter Grazing Seminar, Range Camps, Montana Range TourContact Stacey Barta, DNRC, 406-444-6619.
7. Email: The current Farm Bill will expire in 2018. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Farm Bill survey is open through the end of July.
8. Email: SWCDM Water Quality mini-grants are due August 31. Contact Jessica Makus jessica@macdnet.org
9. Email: July 13 issue of *The Montana Conservationist*
10. Email: Outreach posters available. Contact Stacey Barta, DNRC, 406-444-6619.



FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed:

1. CenturyLink \$261.08
2. VISA \$1849.83
3. USGS \$1700.00

Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the bills as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ian McKenzie thanked the board for sponsoring him at the Montana Natural Resource Camp and spoke briefly about his experience. Thirty campers attended the camp this year.

NEW BUSINESS

PROJECT LEARNING TREE (PLT): Holly McKenzie, Forester and PLT Facilitator, spoke about the October 1st PLT workshop and submitted a funding request to the board. Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion "to approve \$250 for the Early Childhood PLT workshop." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION GRANTS: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion to fund the three education grant requests for FY 2016/2017." Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET (June): The June End of Month report was reviewed with the board. Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the June End of Month report." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PRELIMINARY FY 2016/2017 BUDGET UPDATE: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the adjusted preliminary FY 2016/2017 budget." Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

NRCS REPORT: No report.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: Valerie Kurth reported:

Cost-Share Program

2016-17 Cycle: Contracts are in place for two of the three applicants. Angel Rosario and I will conduct an onsite assessment of the third application on August 12th.

District Office and Outreach

1. July advertisements: 310 law and minimizing bank erosion.
2. I continue to facilitate communication among DNRC, Don McIntyre, Caitlin Overland, the consultant, and FCD in regard to the Stalowy complaints.



3. Rolling Rivers Trailer presentations – Camisha Sawtelle and Sam Harworth helped me demonstrate the trailer to the celebration of the Haskill Basin Easement in Whitefish on July 16th. Approximately 50 people attended, including Montana’s two senators.
4. Ginger Kauffman and I provided feedback about the state 310-database to the new 310 Coordinator, Bob Flesher.
5. I attended a tour of the dark fruit study at Flathead Valley Community College farm on July 18th.

Haskill Basin Watershed Council

The HBWC met on July 12th. I drafted the HB223 grant application with significant input from John Phelps and feedback from Lori Curtis. I visited the Reimer project site on July 13th with Sarah Bowman and Samantha Tappenbeck. The plantings are doing very well this year. We reinforced the browse protection cages and cleaned up any that were completely dislodged by spring runoff.

Northwest Montana Fair

The District will be sharing space in the Search and Rescue building with representatives from Flathead National Forest. I met with Teresa Wenum (FNF) and Cheryl Byle (Fairgrounds) to discuss layout and plans on July 12th.

Project Learning Tree workshop

I met with Holly McKenzie on June 2nd to discuss plans for a Project Learning Tree curriculum workshop for teachers. We have tentatively scheduled a workshop for early elementary educators on October 1st, and we are working on workshop logistics.

Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP)/BSWC

Sarah Bowman continues to work on the WRP development and outreach. She made a new post to the FCD website, and she is working on display posters and brochures that will be available at the Fair in August. She also met with representatives from Buffalo Hill Golf Club to discuss the WRP and the process of procuring 319 funding. Sarah drafted the second quarter report for the Watershed Management Program grant, and I finalized and submitted it to DNRC on July 14th.

Vacancy Update

FCD has received over 100 applications, and the application deadline is Friday, July 29th. I will review them and conduct preliminary screening in early August.

SOURCEBOOK CURRICULUM PROJECT: Lori Curtis was unable to attend, but submitted the following report:

CORE Watershed Education Committee: Flathead Watershed Sourcebook Curriculum development Project PHASE V activities status:

- A. **Funding:** WLI requested and received a commitment from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks for \$3000 toward the printing of the Flathead Watershed Sourcebook.
- B. **Milestone Dates:** We anticipate completion of the materials owed to the Sourcebook Curriculum Development project by the end of July.



FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION REPORT: No report.

FLATHEAD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD: Mark Siderius updated the board briefly on the Floodplain Regulations meeting. Discussion held regarding county fees, engineering and FEMA requirements.

MACD REPORT: No report.

WHITEFISH CITY PLANNING BOARD: John Ellis reported the July 1 meeting included two zoning changes, and approval of a condition use permit for the Whitefish School District to construct a greenhouse with classrooms.

FLATHEAD RIVER COMMISSION: No report.

HASKILL BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL (HBWC): Valerie Kurth reported the July 12th meeting included introduction of Samantha Tappenbeck to HBWC; the Whitefish Municipal Watershed Project USFC comment period has concluded and the Environmental Assessment is being finalized.

CLARK FORK TASK FORCE: Verdell Jackson reported the executive committee will meet this week in Helena.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- **2017 Legislative Session**
- **MACD/SWCDM (By-laws, Board Nominations, Resolutions)**
- **NW MONTANA FAIR SIGN UP**
- **AREA V MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, ST. REGIS**

The next 310-meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell, MT.

ADJOURNMENT: Pete Woll made a motion "to adjourn." Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>8/8/2016</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

